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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : K. FURUKAWA et al  
Serial No. : 10/713,849  
Filed : November 14, 2003  
For : OPTICAL DISC DRIVE HAVING  
A FUNCTION FOR ESTIMATING  
DOUBLE REFRACTION IN DISC  
Art Unit : 2627  
Examiner : Joseph R. HALEY  
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**RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16,  
2006, the term for response to which expires on September 16,  
2006.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-6, for further  
prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully  
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

September 12, 2006

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